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in the Mental Hospital, Madras, committed suicide by hanging on a tree by the side of the main road of the hospital at midday on 28th February 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

*Pay and grade of Fire Brigade employees.*

* 993 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received any memorandum from the Fire Brigade employees of this State regarding the discrepancies shown to them in fixing up their pay and grade;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same; and

(*c*) if not, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government have not received any memorandum from the employees of the Fire Service Branch about their pay.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The question does not arise."

*Report of the Bhattacharya Committee.*

* 994 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the recommendations or representations made by this Government to the Bhattacharya Committee were;

(*b*) whether the Government have received a copy of the report of the Committee; and

(*c*) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No recommendations or representations were made by this Government to the Bhattacharya Committee.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) It is not in the public interest to place a copy of the report on the table of the House as the report is confidential."

*War service candidates serving as judicial officers.*

* 995 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many war service appointees now serve as judicial officers in the State;

(*b*) how many of them have been confirmed in their posts;

(*c*) whether their war service is given credit to in their judicial service;

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(*d*) whether the policy of the Government in this matter of war service appointments (regarding credit being given for the period of war service) is the same as that of the Government of India; and

(*e*) whether any representations have been received in 1951 or 1952 from such appointees requesting for a fair deal; and if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) Twenty-six war service appointees are now serving as District Munsifs in this State.

" (*b*) None. They will be confirmed in due course in vacancies reserved for the purpose after their seniors in service are confirmed.

" (*c*) The war service of these candidates is taken into consideration for fixing their initial pay and pension.

" (*d*) The policy laid down in 1945 by the Government of India was to give credit for the period of war service rendered in matters of seniority, fixation of initial pay and pension of the war service candidates. At present the policy of the Madras Government is to give credit to war service only for fixation of initial pay and pension.

" (*e*) One of the District Munsifs has made certain representations and it is under consideration."

*Scholarships to Harijan students of Malabar.*

* 996 *Q.*—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan students from Malabar to whom scholarships were allowed by the Government in 1952–53;

(*b*) the number of applications for the same; and

(*c*) the total amount disbursed in Malabar during the year 1952–53 on this account?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) Five hundred and ninety-three students.

" (*b*) One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five applications.

" (*c*) Rupees 19,159-3-0."

*Famine works in Nellore district.*

* 997 *Q.*—SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any famine works were sanctioned in Nellore district in 1952–53;

(*b*) if so, in which taluks and the amounts sanctioned to each taluk; and

(*c*) the schemes that were proposed in each taluk and the amounts spent till now?